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BMW Team RLL Qualifies First and Third for Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen

Andy Priaulx Scores Pole, Dirk Müller Third.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – June 28, 2014 . . . BMW Team RLL posted a season's best qualifying effort in preparation for tomorrow's Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen endurance race at Watkins Glen International. The two BMW Z4 GTLM racing cars will start from the first and third GTLM class positions in tomorrow's race, the fifth round of the 2014 TUDOR United SportsCar Championship.

Triple World Champion Andy Priaulx, enjoying his first race weekend at the classic Watkins Glen International, drove the No. 55 BMW Z4 to the team's first pole position of the season with a time of 1:44.084 minutes around the 3.4-mile, 11-turn circuit. Priaulx and co-driver Bill Auberlen currently lead GTLM driver points following podium finishes at the Rolex 24 at Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring. They finished sixth at Long Beach, but were back on the podium (second) at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.











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Dirk Müller placed the No. 56 BMW Z4 on the inside of the GTLM class second row with a time of 1:44.377 minutes – only .293 seconds from his teammate. Müller and codriver John Edwards currently stand tied for sixth place in driver points.

"BMW loves to be at the front," said **Ludwig Willisch, Chairman and CEO, BMW of North America**, who joined BMW Team RLL for the day. "We have won the IMSA sixhour at Watkins Glen before, and with this qualifying result, we've earned the best chance for a successful effort in tomorrow's six-hour."

"It is easy to call Bobby (Rahal) after getting both Z4s qualified so well," **said Jay**O'Connell, RLL VP Technology. "I think the fact we were here testing last month and got Andy and Dirk up to speed, as neither of them had driven here before, was well worth it and that showed in their performances today. It will be a busy race, and, while qualifying may not matter that much, it is certainly fun to be up front and gives you a good feeling for the race. The race is going to be tough with traffic, 50 cars on a five and a half kilometer circuit. Ten cars per kilometer, unlike two in qualifying, so that will keep us real busy. But we will strategize the best we can to keep the guys up front, and see if they can use the speed they showed in qualifying in the last hour of the race."

Andy Priaulx, driver No. 55 Z4 GTLM – (1st) – "I am delighted with my first pole for BMW Team RLL. I have to thank BMW Motorsport for sending me here to the States and to the guys here for giving me the car of the class today. They have worked on my performance over the last four races, have a great faith in me and have put me back to where I used to be. I am thoroughly enjoying this and hope this is the first of many more good moments for me. Realistically, we have done the job today, but tomorrow is the key and there are points for then and not today. We have a good race car, but are a little bit weak in the traffic, so we need to keep focused, stay out of trouble and make sure we are there at the end."

Dirk Müller, driver No. 56 Z4 GTLM – (3rd) – "One and Three was thrilling and my time was almost identical to P2. We had to work hard in the last free practice to get the car right. It was much better, but still I was not totally happy as I couldn't push where I wanted to. Big congratulations to Andy. It was a good team effort."









The Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen will take the green flag at 11:15 a.m. ET Sunday, June 29th. The race will be broadcast live on Fox Sports 1 with coverage beginning at 11:00 a.m. ET. Follow BMW Team RLL on Twitter at @BMWUSARacing for "from-the-pit-box" updates all weekend. More information on the program can be found at www.bmwusa.com and www.bmwusa.com.

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